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Page 1 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON AT SEATTLE FRED and KATHLEEN STARK, a ORIGINAL married couple, Plaintiffs,) No. CV06-1719 JLR vs. THE SEATTLE SEAHAWKS, FOOTBALL NORTHWEST, LLC, a Washington limited liability company, FIRST & GOAL, INC., a Washington) corporation, THE WASHINGTON STATE PUBLIC STADIUM AUTHORITY, a Washington municipal corporation, and LORRAINE HINE, in her capacity as chair of the Washington State Public Stadium Authority board of directors, Defendants. Deposition Upon Oral Examination Of FREDERICK B. STARK 8:55 a.m. April 26, 2007 1111 Third Avenue, Suite 3200 Seattle, Washington REPORTED BY: Keri A. Aspelund, RPR, CCR No. 2661

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Page 12 1 Is there anyone besides your wife that you 2 know that regularly attends Seahawks games at Qwest 3 Field? Α. No. 5 Ο. When did you first learn about the pat-down 6 policy at Qwest Field? 7 It would have been a preseason game in 2005, 8 probably August. 9 Did you learn prior to attending that game Ο. 10 in August 2005 that there would be pat-downs at the 11 Seahawks game? 12 Α. No. 13 And I object to the extent that MR. WION: 14 that mischaracterizes his prior testimony. 15 How did you learn about the pat-down policy Ο. 16 at Owest Field? 17 Α. I was there and there was a pat-down policy. 18 Ο. Did you see any signs when you came to Qwest 19 Field? 20 I did not. Α. 21 Do you read the newspaper, sir? Q. 22 Α. I do. Do you recall seeing press coverage 23 Q. 24 announcing there would be pat-downs at Qwest Field? 25 Α. No.

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4	objection	n, but that's fine.
2	Q.	Go ahead.
3	A.	I'm sorry, what was the question?
4		(Reporter read back as requested.)
5	A.	In reference to attending Seahawks games, I
6	don't kno	DW.
7	Q.	Do you think you would have remembered that
8	if that h	and happened?
9	Α.	Probably not.
10	Q.	You don't think you'd remember if you were
11	patted do	wn by someone carrying a badge or a gun?
12		MR. WION: Objection, asked and answered.
13	Q.	You can answer.
14	Α.	My answer is the same.
15	Q.	Has any pat-down screener ever threatened to
16	use force	to search you, sir?
17	Α.	No.
18	Q.	Has anyone threatened you with criminal
19	sanctions	if you did not consent to the search?
20	Α.	No.
21	Q.	Have you ever contacted the Seattle Seahawks
22	regarding	the pat-down policy?
23 .	А.	I have.
24	Q.	When did you contact them?
25	Α.	I do not recall the date.

Page 30 1 And what did you consider at that time, sir? Ο. 2 Well, whether it was going to be a game 3 worth seeing. Whether it was worth going to tolerate 4 the pat-down procedure. Yeah. 5 Q. At that time, sir, did you understand you 6 had a choice to not attend the football game? Yes. Α. 8 Ο. And you understand you made the choice to 9 attend the football game? 10 Α. Yes. 11 And you understand that by making that Ο. 12 choice you would be patted down? 13 MR. WION: Object to the form. 14 Α. No. 15 Why didn't you understand that, sir? 16 Because there had been times I have not been Α. 17 patted down. 18 On how many occasions were you not patted 19 down, sir, prior to the start of the 2005 season? 20 I'm sorry, prior to the start of the 2005 21 season --22 I'm sorry, I asked the wrong question. Ο. 23 After the start of the 2005 season, on how 24 many occasions have you attended a Seahawks game where 25 you have not been patted down?



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1	MR. WION: Objection, mischaracterizes his
2	testimony. Objection to form.
3	A. Do I agree that my consent was voluntary, is
4	that the question I heard?
5	Q. No.
6	MR. AINSWORTH: Would you reread the
7	question.
8	(Reporter read back as requested.)
9	MR. WION: Same objection.
10	A. Involuntary.
11	No.
12	Q. So, Mr. Stark, do you agree with me that
13	when you attended the Seattle Seahawks games over the
14	last two seasons, knowing of the pat-down procedures,
15	that your consent to those pat-down procedures was
16	voluntary?
17	MR. WION: Objection to the form,
18	mischaracterizes prior testimony.
19	A. I'm sorry, just could you repeat the
20	question?
21	(Reporter read back as requested.)
22	MR. WION: Same objections.
23	A. Beyond my counsel's objections, I would have
24	to say yes, or including his objections, or whatever
25	that all is.



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1	Q. And sir, if you decide to attend Seattle
2	Seahawks games in the future, and pat-down is a
3	requirement of attending those games, do you agree
4	with me that your consent to those pat-downs will be
5	voluntary?
6	MR. WION: Objection to the form.
7	A. Yes.
 8	MR. AINSWORTH: John?
9	I have no further questions. Mr. Dunbar
10	will have some for you.
11	E-X-A-M-I-N-A-T-I-O-N
12	BY MR. DUNBAR:
13	Q. Mr. Stark, my name is John Dunbar, and I
14	represent the Public Stadium Authority and Lorraine
15	Hine.
16	Have you ever seen Ms. Hine's declaration in
17	this case?
18	A. Possibly. I'm
19	MR. DUNBAR: Why don't you go ahead and mark
20	that as our next one.
21	(Exhibit-45 marked.)
22	Q. You've been handed a copy of Exhibit-45,
23	correct?
24	A. Yes.
25	Q. And that is the declaration of Lorraine

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Kathleen Stark April 26, 2007

Page Q. If you look at paragraph 3, Mrs. Stark, 2 on page 2, does that refresh your recollection as to 3 when the first time that you were pat down at a 4 Seattle Seahawks game? 5 A. Yes. 6 Q. Do you recall pat-downs occurring before 7 August 2005 at Qwest Field? 8 A. No, I don't. 9 Q. And you don't have any reason to disagree
on page 2, does that refresh your recollection as to when the first time that you were pat down at a Seattle Seahawks game? A. Yes. Q. Do you recall pat-downs occurring before August 2005 at Qwest Field? A. No, I don't.
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7 August 2005 at Qwest Field? 8 A. No, I don't.
8 A. No, I don't.
Q. And you don't have any reason to disagree
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with the testimony of your husband that it was Augu
11 22nd, 2005?
12 A. That's correct.
Q. Turning back to Exhibit-51. At the time
purchased your playoff tickets for the 2005 season,
you were aware of the pat-down policy at Qwest Fiel
is that correct?
MR. WION: Object to the form.
18 A. Well, yes.
Q. Is it correct that you handle that the
season tickets are in your name, Mrs. Stark?
A. Yes.
Q. And so you handle the renewal of season
tickets each year?
A. Right.
Q. And the purchase of playoff game tickets?

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1	Q. And you renewed your season tickets for the
2	2006 season?
3	A. Yes.
4	Q. And at the time you renewed your season
5	tickets for the 2006 season, you were aware of the
6	pat-down policy for Seattle Seahawks games at Qwest
7	Field, correct?
8	A. Correct.
9	(Exhibit-53 marked.)
10	Q. I'm going to hand you what has been marked
11	as Exhibit-53, and take a moment to look at the
12	document, and then please tell me
13	A. I okay.
14	Q whether you recognize that document?
15	A. Yeah, well, they look so much alike.
16	I was looking at this one thinking it was
17	2007, but now I see that I have the 2007 here, okay,
18	yes.
19	Q. And what is this document?
20	A. It's the invoice for the 2007 season
21	tickets.
22	Q. And did you renew your season tickets for
23	2007?
24	A. Yes, I did.
25	Q. Do you recall when you renewed your season



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1	A. I think to volunteer for something is to
2	step forward on your own initiative and volunteer to
3	do something.
4	Q. I didn't ask what volunteering is, Mrs.
5	Stark, I asked what the term "voluntary" means.
6	A. Voluntary.
7	MR. WION: Same objection.
8	A. Voluntary. That's kind of hair splitting.
9	Again, it's something you are willing to do
10	on your own volition.
11	Q. Do you attend is your attendance at
12	Seattle Seahawks games voluntary?
13	A. Yes.
14	Q. No one makes you go to the Seattle Seahawks
15	games, do they?
16	A. (Shakes head.) No. Sorry.
17	Q. And you're aware that pat-downs are a
18	requirement to enter Qwest Field, correct?
19	A. Correct.
20	Q. And you are willing to go through the
21	pat-downs because you want to attend Seattle Seahawks
22	games, is that correct?
23	MR. WION: Object to the form.
24	A. That is correct.
25	Q. And you're aware that you have the right to

Page 35 not attend Seahawks games, correct? 2 Correct. 3 And by not attending a Seattle Seahawks Q. game, you would not have to be pat down, correct, by 5 Seattle Seahawks security people? 6 Α. Correct. 0. Do you have an understanding of what the 8 term "consent" means? 9 MR. WION: Object to the form. 10 A. It means to agree to something. 11 When you're at a good place, it MR. WION: 12 might be about time for a break. It's been about an 13 hour. 14 MR. AINSWORTH: Oh, it has, you're right. 15 Just let me ask a couple questions. 16 MR. WION: Sure. 17 MR. AINSWORTH: I'm a slow thinker, so I 18 have to apologize. 19 Actually, let's go ahead and take a break 20 now. 21 (Brief recess.) 22 Mrs. Stark, I believe I asked you whether in 23 2007 you discussed with your husband whether to renew 24 your season tickets for 2007; did you have any 25 discussions with your husband in 2006 as to whether to

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1	be pat down as a requirement to enter the stadium?
2	A. Yes.
3	Q. And no one has ever threatened you to cause
4	you to agree to be pat down to attend a Seahawks game
5	A. Pardon me?
6	Q. No one has ever threatened you in order to
7	get you to consent to attend I'm sorry, strike
8	that.
9	No one has ever threatened you in order to
10	get you to agree to the pat-down in order to attend a
11	Seahawks game?
12	A. Well, the threat is that you're not allowed
13	to enter the stadium.
14	Q. So, the consequence of not agreeing is you
15	cannot enter the stadium, is that right?
16	A. That's the way I understand it.
17	Q. But no one has threatened you with physical
18	force in order to get you to consent or agree?
19	A. That's correct.
20	Q. Have any police officers ever instructed you
21	that you must consent?
22	A. No.
23	Q. Why did you decide in November 2006 to file
24	this lawsuit against the Seattle Seahawks, FGI, the
25	Public Stadium Authority, and Lorraine Hine?

Page 56 1 I'm asking you for your understanding of 0. 2 what your ticket terms mean. Your lawyer will argue 3 with me later about the legality of that, but I am asking you for your understanding. 5 I think she's answered that. MR. WION: 6 you have another question that you're posing? 7 I don't think she did answer it, so let me restate it again. My question is, do you understand that by 10 tendering your ticket and entering Qwest Field, you 11 consented to the searches and waived any claims 12 against the NFL, the Seattle Seahawks, and First & 13 Goal? Objection, compound, among other 14 MR. WION: 15 objections, also calls for a legal conclusion about a 16 document she's read for the first time right here in 17 this room. 18 MR. AINSWORTH: Counselor, can you stop the 19 long speaking objections. I think objection to form 20 is all that is needed in this district. 21 MR. WION: I think those objections are 22 appropriate, and I think she's answered your question. 23 MR. AINSWORTH: I don't think she has. 24 you want, we can have the court reporter read it back. 25 MR. DUNBAR: I think there have been some

Page 57 kind of lengthy objections here, Chris, respectfully, 2 and I think at a certain point it's just quicker to 3 get an answer and move on. MR. WION: I'm happy to do that. I've 5 attempted to have short, brief objections that are 6 appropriate, and we continue to have what appear to be the same question or a minor modification of the same 8 question to which I have the same objections, but apparently they're not improving the quality of the 10 question, so I'm attempting to provide you with the 11 information you might need to ask a question that is 12 not objectionable. 13 MR. DUNBAR: You're not instructing the 14 witness to not to respond, correct? 15 MR. WION: I am not doing that. I have not 16 done that. 17 MR. DUNBAR: I think at a certain point it 18 might be appropriate to say same objection, and then 19 allow the witness to respond, and we'll finish a 20 little sooner this afternoon. 21 MR. WION: John, I did do that a number of 22 times, it did not appear to be effective, so I felt it 23 was appropriate to provide a slightly fuller 24 explanation of the objection. 25 MR. DUNBAR: Okay.

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1	MR. WION: I think
2	MR. DUNBAR: You've done that now, so let's
3	just move on.
4	MR. WION: I understand.
5	MR. DUNBAR: I hear you. Let's just move
6	on.
7	MR. WION: I'm happy to move on.
8	MR. AINSWORTH: All right, could you read
9	back my question, because I'm sure Mrs. Stark has long
10	since forgotten what it was.
11	(Reporter read back as follows:
12	"My question is, do you understand
13	that by tendering your ticket and
14	entering Qwest Field, you consented to
15	the searches and waived any claims
16	against the NFL, the Seattle Seahawks,
17	and First & Goal?")
18	MR. WION: Same objections.
19	A. Yes.
20	MR. AINSWORTH: If you can give me a couple
21	minutes to go through my notes, and then I'll be ready
22	pass on to John.
23	MR. WION: Sure.
24	(Brief recess.)
25	Q. Mrs. Stark, have you had any communications

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EXHIBIT E



FPS CORPORATE SERVICES, INC.



IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON AT SEATTLE

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FRED and KATHLEEN STARK, a married couple,

Case No. .

CV6 1719

Plaintiffs,

VS.

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THE SEATTLE SEAHAWKS,
FOOTBALL NORTHWEST, LLC, a
Washington limited liability company,
FIRST & GOAL, INC., a Washington
corporation, THE WASHINGTON STATE
PUBLIC STADIUM AUTHORITY, a
Washington municipal corporation, and
LORRAINE HINE, in her capacity as chair
of the Washington State Public Stadium
Authority board of directors,

Defendants

DECLARATION OF FRED STARK

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- I, Fred Stark, swear under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington, to the following:
- 1. I have been a lifelong football fan. My wife, Kathleen, and I have been Seattle Seahawks season ticket holders since 1991.

DECLARATION OF FRED STARK - 1

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- 2. Prior to the 2005 season, neither I nor Kathleen had ever been subjected to a pat-down search at a Seahawks game, or any other NFL football game.
- 3. On or about August 22, 2005, Kathleen and I attended a Seahawks pre-season home game against the Dallas Cowboys. Upon arriving at the stadium, we were surprised to learn that, as a condition of our entry to the game, we were required to submit to a pat-down search. We verbally objected, but ultimately submitted to the pat-down as our only option to attend the game. Upon inquiry, we were given no definitive answers to our questions. Only that the pat-downs were required under a new NFL policy instituted to prevent terrorist suicide bombers from detonating a hidden vest bomb. This was the first NFL game at which we were subjected to a pat-down search.
- 4. On or about September 2, 2005, we attended a second Seahawks pre-season home game against the Minnesota Vikings. We again lodged our objection, but ultimately submitted to a pat-down as a condition of our entry to the stadium.
- 5. On September 18, 2005, we attended our first regular season Seahawks home game for the 2005 regular season. Upon arriving at the Stadium, we discovered that the NFL's pat-down policy was being enforced at Seahawks home games during the regular season as well as the pre-season at Qwest Field (the "Stadium").
- 6. At the entrance to the Stadium, we were stopped by a security officer and informed that we were required to submit to a pat-down search as a condition of our entry to the Stadium. We verbally objected, but ultimately submitted to a pat-down as our only option to gain admittance to the game.
- 7. We attended Seahawks 2005 regular season and post-season home games at the Stadium on September 25, October 16, October 23, November 13, January 14, 2006 and January 22.

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8.	On February 5, 2006, we attended Superbowl XL at Ford Field, in Detroit,
Michigan. Al	lthough we were required to pass through metal-detectors similar to the kind used
at airports, we	e were not patted-down and did not observe any other ticket holders being patted
down.	

- 9. During the 2006 pre-season and current regular season, we attended home games at the Stadium on August 12, August 31, September 17, September 24, October 22, November 6, November 12, and November 27.
- 10. Pat-downs at these home games have ranged from the non-existent, to a highly intrusive, offensive, and humiliating full-body frisking.
- 11. At one Seahawks home game on November 13, 2005, during a heavy downpour, we were not subjected to a pat-down, nor did we observe any other ticket holders being patted-down. Many people were wearing ponchos or other bulky wet-weather protection. Had the stadium security officers conducted the pat-down searches under these conditions, large crowds would have been forced to stand in the rain before being permitted entry to the Stadium.
- 12. At another Seahawks home game on July 31, 2006, I verbally objected to being patted-down and asked to speak with the security officer's supervisor. Two supervisors were called to discuss the situation. Rather than submitting to yet another pat-down, I removed my shirt to show that I was not concealing anything. The original security officer whisked me through the entrance without any further search.
- 13. At the other end of the spectrum, at a home game on October 16, 2005, I was subjected to a highly intrusive, offensive and humiliating full-body frisking. A security officer ran his hands down my sides, reached around me and grasped my buttocks. He then felt both my arms and across my chest. Then, he moved his hands towards my groin area, where he found and handled the inhaler in my pant pocket that I carry to treat my asthma. The security

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officer then placed both of his hands around my left thigh, running them down to my sneaker top, which he also felt thoroughly. After this episode and other pat-downs, I have been left feeling physically ill and emotionally unsettled for up to 24 hours afterwards.

- 14. Except as described above, Kathleen and I were subjected to upper body patdowns at every Seahawks home game we attended in 2005 and 2006. Many have been cursory, unlikely to detect well-concealed contraband. Each time, we verbally objected, but ultimately submitted to the searches in order to attend the game.
- 15. Kathleen and I intend to continue attending Seahawks home games for the duration of the 2006 season, and intend to renew our season tickets in the future. I understand that if we do not renew our season tickets each year, we forfeit our right to purchase future season tickets and would be put on a waiting list.
- 16. I feel strongly that the pat-down searches at the Stadium are an unnecessary and unwarranted intrusion into my right of privacy, and I strenuously object to being treated like a criminal simply because I choose to attend a professional football game.

DATED this 27th day of November, 2006 in Seattle, Washington.

FRED STARK

DECLARATION OF FRED STARK - 4

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